

SELF-ADVOCACY RFP FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The Developmental Disabilities Council will have a maximum amount up to \$50,000 established for Self-Advocacy priority area programming for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

The Developmental Disabilities Council is soliciting proposals that will provide self-advocacy training opportunities for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) through a Youth Leadership Forum (YLF). YLF is a unique program created to empower and significantly enhance the personal, academic, and career potential of young people with disabilities through leadership development, resource identification, and peer mentoring. It uses adult role models, especially project alumni, to show students how to transition to meaningful careers, live independently, and be engaged citizens. Originally created in California in 1992, YLF is now in more than 25 states and territories.

The proposal must be consistent with the following Developmental Disabilities Council State Plan objective:

Goal 4: Self-Advocacy

Objective 2: Will support at least 150 self-advocates in leadership training opportunities.

Additional requirements:

- Funding is available to organizations seeking to create and maintain a Youth Leadership Forum affiliate in South Carolina that maintains fidelity to the California program model.
- Any organization planning to replicate Youth Leadership Forum in South Carolina must request recognition of their affiliation in writing from the National Association of Youth Leadership Forums.
- Proposals must include self-advocates 30-years-old or younger in the proposal development, oversight/decision-making (if grant is awarded), and/or as a paid employee under the grant.
- Priority is given to proposals that include programming for rural communities, but proposals may include programming in local, county, regional, district, or Statewide areas.
- Proposals must include a 12-month S.M.A.R.T.—specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timed—work plan.
- Applicant must be a non-profit organization.

The South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council is committed to ensuring all individuals with developmental disabilities receive services in community-based environments that encourage self-determined, integrative experiences. Therefore, the Council requests proposals align with Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule values. These values include individuals receiving programming based on personally-defined outcomes in the most integrated community setting possible, individuals receiving services in a manner that reflects personal choices and preferences, and individuals participating in programming that contributes to the assurance of health and wellness.

- [Summary of Key Provisions of the Home and Community Based Services Final Rule](#)

Self-Advocacy grant awards are ongoing upon Council approval; however, reapplication is required annually. Year one is from 7/1/16 to 6/30/17.

Please direct questions regarding the grant application process to Valarie Bishop at (803) 734-0215 or valarie.bishop@admin.sc.gov.

To retrieve a copy of the grant application visit our web site at <http://scddc.sc.gov/> or call (803) 734-0465

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